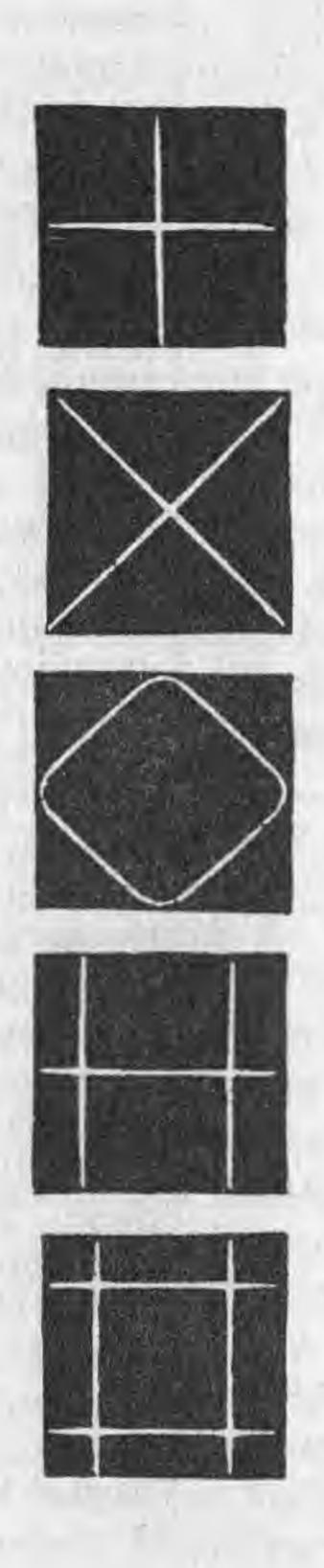
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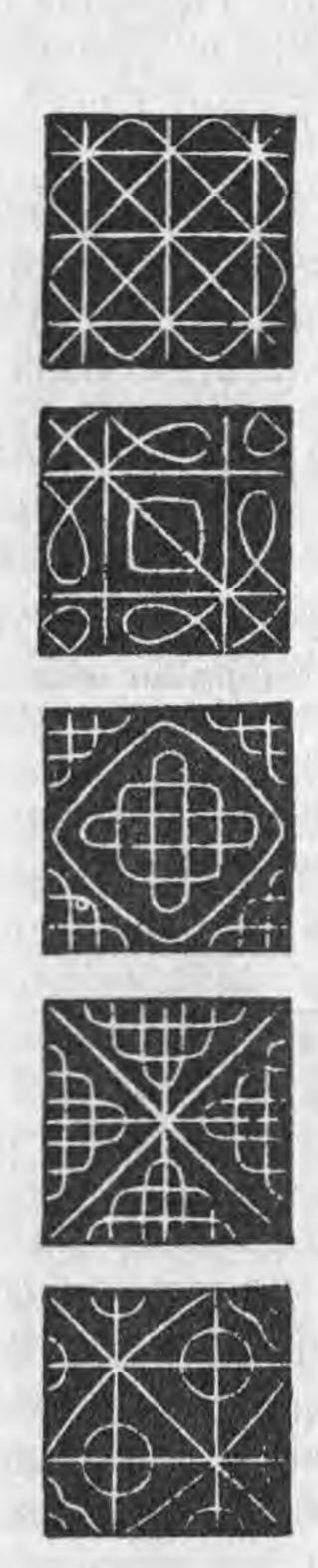
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## Changes in Edison Copper Diaphragms

Ronald Dethlefson, with John Kaar

"You can always make capital out of disaster." So spoke Thomas Edison about the devastating fire that destroyed much of his factory complex in December, 1914. His good natured response even appeared once on the dust jacket cover of an excellent book entitled "The Thomas A. Edison Album" by Lawrence Frost. Of course, this ability to turn adversity into profit was very typical of Edison, and another illustration of this trait occurred in 1906 when a court injunction prevented him from continuing the manufacture (Cont'd on page 3)

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#### DEAR APM:

Question: I have a phonograph that is a mystery to me. The plate under the turntable says *Victrolita* and there is a "His Master's Voice" sticker on the back of the box. The mainspring is mounted horizontally. Who made this machine?

K.C., Vancouver, Wash. Answer: The closest I can come on this would be a Model "One-One" Victrola, made by Victor in the late 1920's. It was advertised as a children's semi-portable machine, and sold for \$17.50, the lowest price for a Victrola. Yours is probably the mahogany finish, but it was also supplied with white enamel and colorful side decorations, and listed as Model "One-Two", for \$18.00. The catalogs do not mention that it was called a Victrolita, so there is still some mystery attached to it. The suffix -ita, of course, is a word element meaning small. The Victor "One-One" measured 61/2" high, 12½" wide, and 13¾" deep. The only variation I can see is that your photo shows the reproducer mounted on the left side of the tonearm and the catalog shows it on the right. It is pictured in Vestal Press's latest catalog.



(Cont'd from front page)

of the traditional layered mica diaphragm

in his C reproducer.

In March 1906, when he was forced to drop several patented features, including the inside ribs on his 2-minute cylinders, he quickly responded by designing a new diaphragm made of a single stamped piece of thin copper (See APM, Vol. 1, No. 7, p. 4). The new diaphragm was immediately successful and proved more durable and simpler to fabricate than the earlier mica version, and as a bonus, gave increased volume. Even though the legal problems relating to the mica diaphragm were settled by 1909 and the original patent did expire (bringing it into the public domain), Edison continued to use the new copper diaphragm until the advent of the Diamond Disc and Blue Amberol cylinders in late 1912.

The copper diaphragm had a fairly short life in terms of the history of his phonograph, but it does serve to show Edison's tenacity and his continuing efforts to improve the reproduction of sound. In examining many Edison reproducers over the years, I have found what seems to be a pattern of development in the diaphragm design, making us realize that all reproducers are not alike, even those with identical

"letter" designations.

Edison was after a smooth audio frequency response without blasting at any frequency, and copper seemed to fulfill his needs. It is also possible that he used aluminum diaphragms briefly, for we ran across one, which I believe to be original, in a Model H reproducer. I gather, however, if this was indeed an Edison product, that it was quickly discarded in favor of the copper version, which was less expensive and heavier, allowing more damping of the

diaphragm.

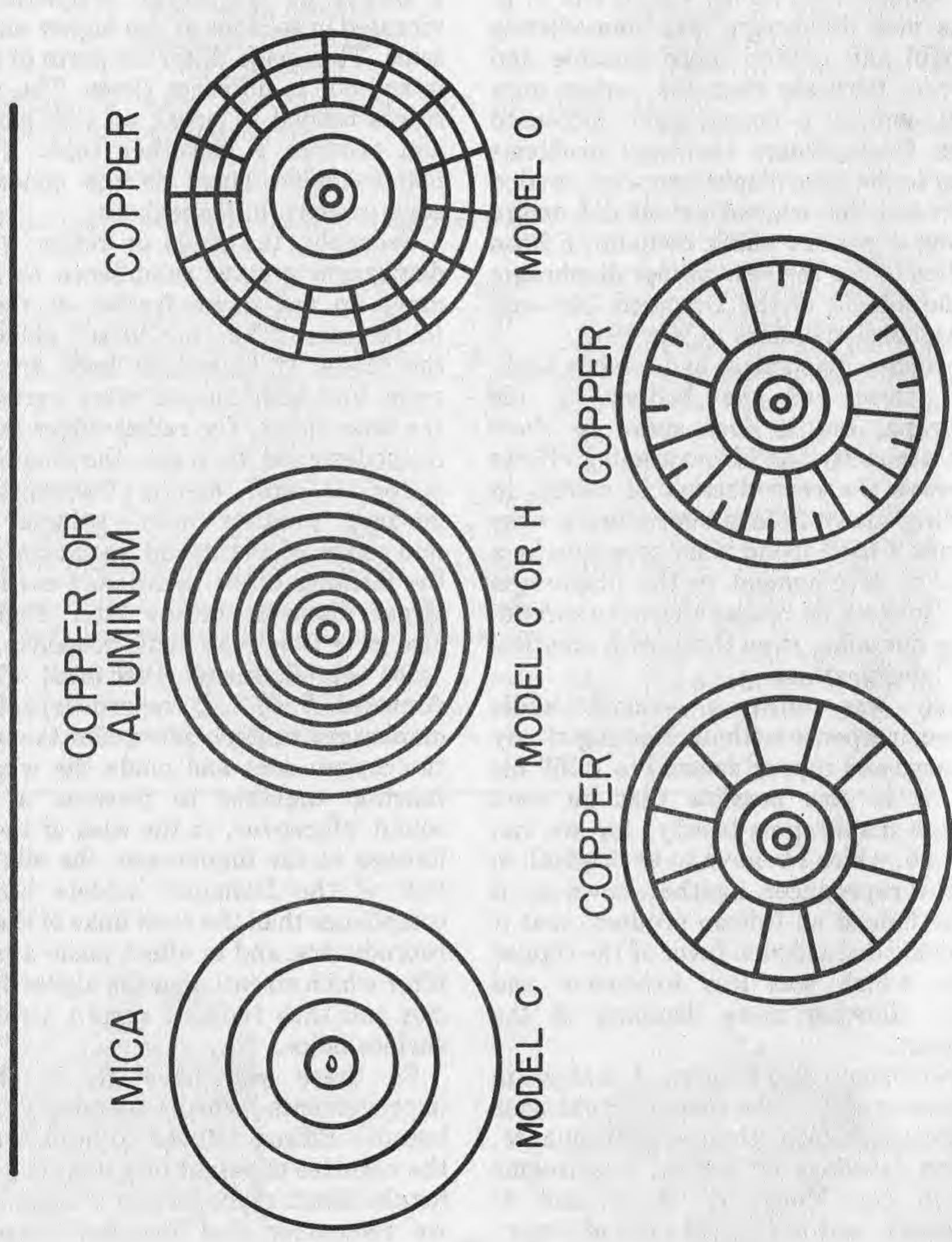
There appears also a series of changes in the ridges or ribs on the copper diaphragms over the years until their discontinuance. Note the drawings of original diaphragms found in the Model C, H, S and N reproducers, and in the last type of copper diaphragm reproducer, Model N-56. The pattern of design changes confirms that Edison and his "insomnia squads" were experimenting in the characteristic "cut and try" fashion. The concentric rings were an outgrowth of the concentric layers present

in the pre-1906 mica diaphragms. layered mica faced toward the opening). The rings on the copper diaphragms did two things: first, without rings or ridges, there would be more standing waves on the diaphragm, causing a reinforcement and cancellation of certain frequencies. The diaphragm only moved as a piston at the lower frequencies and vibrated in sections at the higher end of the scale. This made different parts of it move in and out at different times. The rings or ridges tended to break up this movement and produce a smoother tone. You will notice similar rings on the cones inside some modern hi-fi speakers.

Secondly, the rings or ridges gave the diaphragm greater compliance so it could move up and down farther at the lower frequencies. The "sunburst" patterns on the Model O (drawings here are not to scale) and later models were variations of the same thing. The radial ridges may have been designed to make the diaphragm a piston at still higher frequencies and perhaps produce more volume in the mid-range of the sound spectrum without the blasting effect mentioned earlier. The larger diameter of the later diaphragms also gave improved audio response.

In the Diamond Disc and Diamond Amberol (A, B, C, D) reproducers, the cork diaphragm centers acted like the rings of the copper ones and made the whole unit function together to produce a smooth sound. Moreover, in the case of the stylus linkage to the diaphragm, the silk thread link of the Diamond models had more compliance than the steel links of the earlier reproducers, and in effect made a low-pass filter which attentuated the higher frequencies and thus reduced record scratch and surface noice.

So there you have it, a chain of improvements which seemingly started because Edison refused to be deterred by the vagaries of patent litigation in his quest for the exact reproduction of sound. When we remember that the first diaphragms were made of extremely fragile glass, we can be thankful that this experimentation led to a more durable product, not just for Edison's original customers, but for modern collectors today.



#### MORE NOTES ON MODERN STYLI

George Blacker & Ken Barnes

Many months ago (APM, Aug.-Sept., 1975), I wrote in this journal about the many virtues of the custom styli produced by International Observatory Instruments of Nashville, Tennessee. It was a most unwelcome surprise for me to learn, in the winter of 1975, that they were discontinuing the production of their styli. Rising costs and increased difficulty in getting component parts necessiated the move, according to Dr. Robert Hardie of IOI. A small remaining stock of Edison and Pathe styli was on hand at that time, he said, but once these sold out, IOI's foray into the field of custom styli for the collectors of antique records would be over. Their letter to collectors, however, did recommend a Shure elliptical stylus for 78's, made for their V-15 III cartridge (stylus type VN78E).

I have held off announcing this sad news for two reasons: first, some of you must already know it if you've written to IOI recently, and second, I wanted to see what could be done in locating a source of replacement styli, and perhaps even

alternate cartridges.

Actually, I can't claim full credit for what I am about to say here. My own letters to four different stylus producers have been ignored, and so I turned to Mr. Robert Long, Audio-Video Editor of High Fidelity Magazine, with whom I collaborated on an extensive article on how to best play old records on new-fangled equipment (April, 1973, with variable stroboscopic disc). His position on that magazine evidently produced better results, and here they are:

1. Nobody wanted to be bothered to make replacement styli for the Shure cartridges. This included even Shure, who seemed to feel that in offering a 2.7 mil conical 78 rpm stylus, they had done all that was necessary. Styli for Edison and Pathe discs, or cylinders? Get lost, Charley!

2. Replacement styli for the Shure cartridges can be had from Expert Pickups, Ltd., P. O. Box 3, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2QD, England. Write to them for further information.

3. For those collectors who haven't bought the IOI equipment, but want to go the custom-styli route, Pickering & Co., Inc., Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview, N.Y. 11803, will custom grind styli to the non-standard dimensions required by col-

lectors, for a price ranging from \$25 per stylus to \$50, according to the complexity of the operation. These can be had to fit any current model of Pickering or Stanton stereo cartridges. You are advised to write to Mr. Ray Bennett at Pickering for further details. Be sure, when doing so, to specify the model of cartridge you have or plan to get. You may also write to Stanton Magnetics, Inc., Terminal Drive, Plainview, N.Y. 11803. To repeat and emphasize: these styli are available ONLY for current models of Pickering or Stanton cartridges.

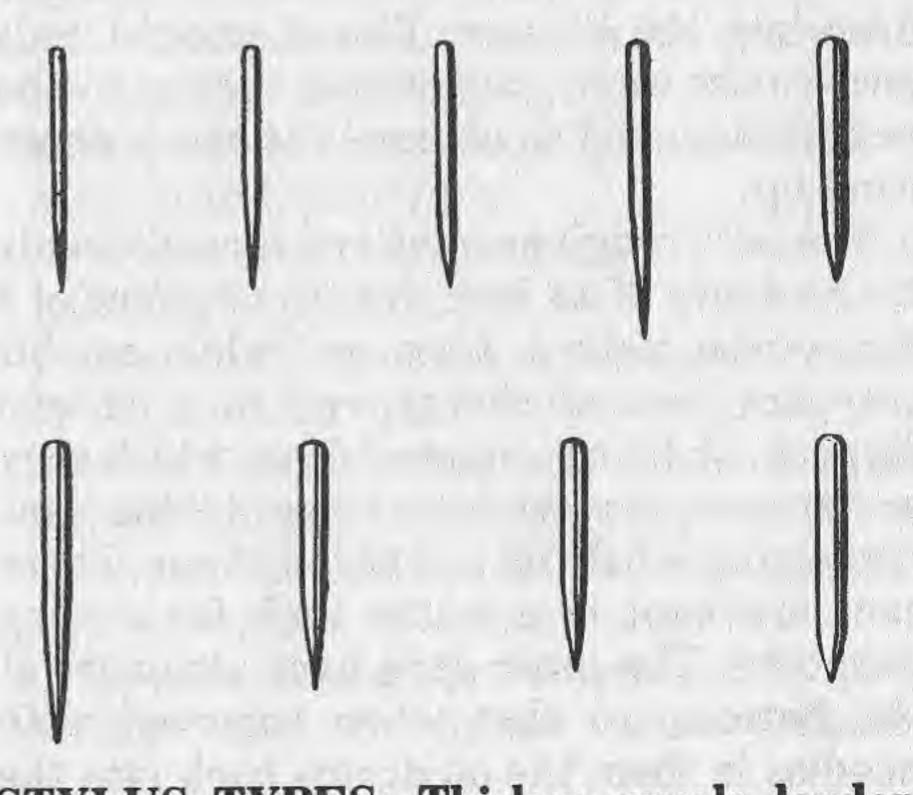
Readers may also write to George Blacker, 48 Foote St., Cheshire, Conn. 06410, or Ken Barnes, 261 S. Vinedo Ave., Pasadena, Calif. 91107. Be sure to enclose a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope).

#### HOW STEEL NEEDLES WERE MADE

Readers will recall that in the November 1973 issue of APM we ran an account of how 78 disc records were made. Since many collectors have begun to save the colorful tins which held the early "points", we thought we would tell the story from the needle's point of view. The following article first appeared in the May 15, 1905 issue of The Talking Machine World, and was repeated in the April, 1907 issue as well.

"In making steel needles for high-grade talking machines, a carbon steel rod about 3/16" in diameter is generally used. The first process consists in reducing this rod to wire about 1/16" in diameter, that of the finished needle. The operations are as

follows:



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The rods are first heated in an annealing oven, and then slowly cooled in order to soften them. In this heating and cooling process they become oxidized or coated with scales. To remove these, they are tapped with hammers, after which they are "pickled" in a solution of acid and water, and again heated in another oven much cooler than the first to remove the effects of pickling. They are then taken to the wiredrawing machine, where the 3/16" soft rod being drawn through a die plate about 1/8" in diameter, is reduced to No. 8 wire. Drawing compresses and hardens the metal making it necessary to repeat the annealing process before another reduction in diameter is possible. Therefore, these operations must be repeated about five times before the requisite reduction to 1/16", or No. 16 wire, is obtained.

The long coil of small wire is now passed to a forming machine, in appearance like a lathe, which in spinning around the wire, as fed through it, straightens and cuts it into rods about 18" in length. These rods are gathered up and taken to a grinding machine, an ingenious special mechanism which points the ends of about 150 of them at a time. They are fed to it sideways, and are held in exact position, fed through and turned as they grind against the stone by means of rubber-tired wheels or rollers. One set of ends being pointed, the rods are reversed and again fed to the grinder to point the opposite ends. The now doublepointed rods pass to the cutting machine. Its operator seizes a handful (about 100), pushes the ends against a plate to even them, places them in the cutting machine against a gauge plate set 5/8" from the shear, and touching a lever, cuts off 100 rough needles at a stroke. Turning the bunch of rods end for end, 100 more needles drop into the hopper. The shortened rods pass to the next grinder and thence to the next cutter, and so on until the rod is about used up.

The now rough needles are spread evenly to the depth of an inch over the surface of a heavy iron plate or tray, and while on this tray are heated cherry red in a special furnace, on being removed from which they are at once thrown into large double cans containing whale oil to harden them. These cans are kept in a water tank for cooling purposes. The inner cans have strainers at the bottom, so that when removed with needles in them the oil drains back into the

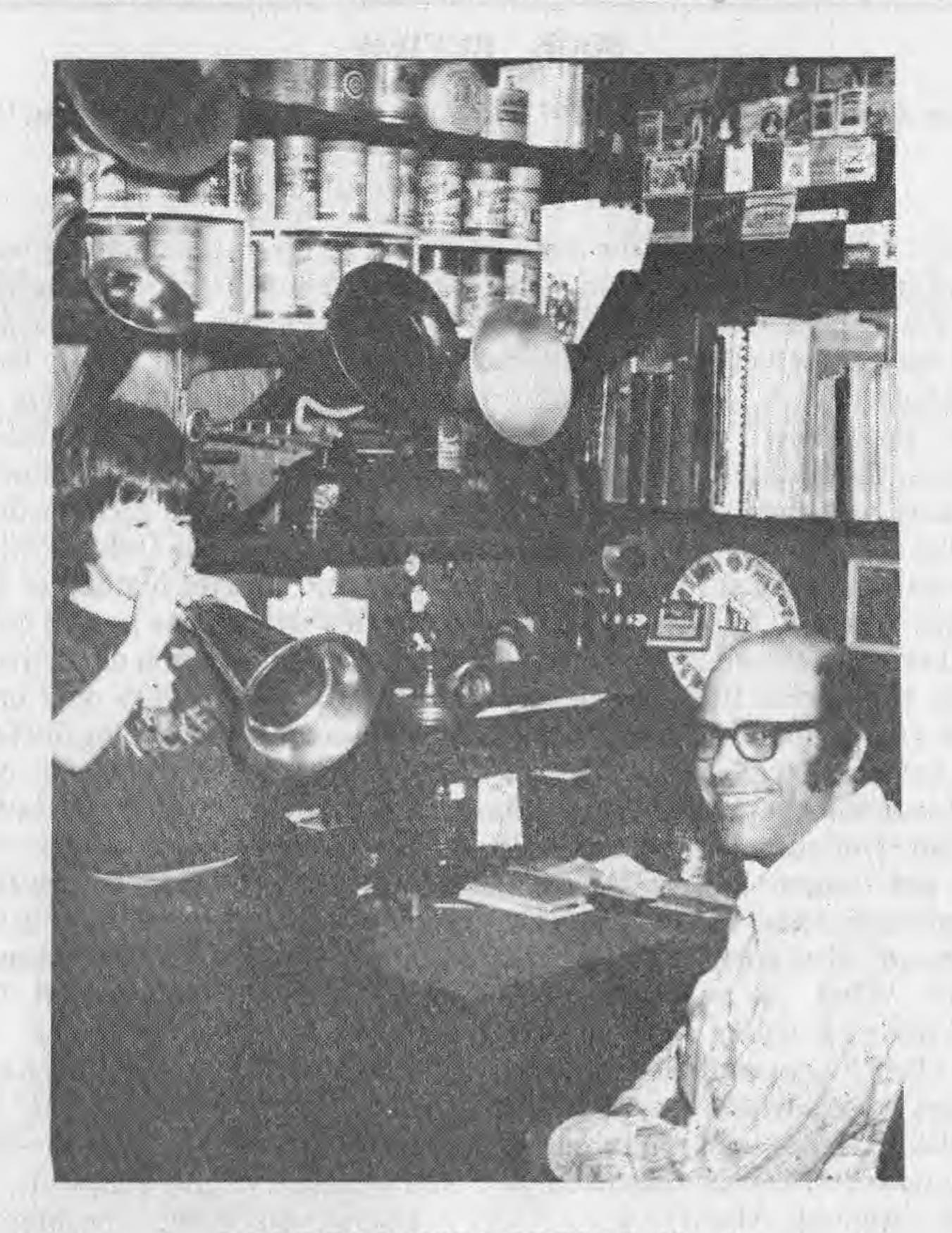
outer cans, which always remain in the water.

The needles, perfectly shaped and hardened, but still in the rough and gummy with oil, are placed in a huge pan or trough, which slides back and forth with jerking motion (somewhat like that of an ordinary ash sifter) on the top of what may be called a "washing machine." Here they are treated to a bath of soft soap or soda and water, as they roll about in the bottom of the pan. After a thorough shaking up in this soapy mixture they are drained, and while still damp are placed in a tumbling barrel, or, in other words, a slowly revolving barrel, pivoted at an angle of about 45 degrees. About double their bulk in dry sawdust is mixed with them, and in a short time dries them thoroughly. They are then separated from their sawdust towel by a rather ingenious contrivance, which sucks off the dust and leaves the needles.

It is now necessary to prepare their surfaces for the final polish, and to do this they are scoured. A batch numbering several thousand is mixed with a pasty looking compound, and the mass is wrapped into a cylindrical canvas packet about 5" in diameter and 2 feet in length. Several packets, tightly bound around with strong rope, are placed into a machine called a "mangler", in which they are rolled back and forth between two slabs as one would make a roll of butter.

After this careful rolling or massage treatment is continued for some time, the needles, by rubbing against each other in the scouring compound, are thoroughly cleansed and smoothly surfaced, and are taken from the packets. They are then given a rinsing in clear water, and another turn in the sawdust barrel, after which they are for the last time packed into sausage-like canvas casings and rolled this time with a fine polishing compound. From this last mauling they emerge as finished product, and are sent to the stockroom, to be weighed (not counted) into packets of 100 or more, as required.

There are about 16 processes between the steel rod and the finished needle, or, if we count the number of operations necessarily repeated in the wire drawing, annealing process, pickling, hammering, etc., there are about 42 handlings in all, and yet in no case is a needle handled singly as such."



MEET THE COLLECTORS (No. 1)

From time to time, we hope to share the pictures and stories of the collectors behind their ads and interests. If you have a photo of yourself with part of your collection, and would like to share it with APM's readers, please send it in, with a brief story of how you got started, what you like, etc. We'll be glad to run it.

The first collector we are meeting this month is Steve Freeman, of 1079 Alhambra Road, Baldwin, N.Y. 11510. Steve is married and has two children, Adam and Melinda. Adam of course is an avid fan himself, and is shown here with an original 14" horn, although Steve claims you can hear Adam just fine without it! Steve's wife Gail bears the responsibility of her husband's addiction as she bought him an Edison Home Phonograph around 1965, at the then exorbitant price of \$100. Steve fell in love with the phonographs, in addition to his wife, and more followed, including a Victor IV, a Zonophone Home, a Rosenfield Coin-op, an oak Opera, one of the first Homes, Serial No. H55), a French Coquet, and many others. He also likes the old ads, advertising gimmicks, and Victorian antiques in general. His latest addition was an upright player piano, which he painstakingly restored. He also decorates his music room with tobacco items and antique toys from the 40's and 50's. Steve also maintains an extensive library of printed material to aid him in identifying and researching his collection, and to spot the ones he wants to get. A drummer himself, in his spare time, he has one of the first drum solo records ever issued, James Lent's Ragtime Drummer on Indestructible.

As Steve's family has grown, his collecting has slowed a little, but he is always on the lookout for interesting items, and frequently trades with other collectors in the area. One of Steve's other hobbies is designing leather belts with a phonograph motif, and readers will remember his needlepoint in the November 1974 issue of APM.

Thanks, Steve, for being the first in the series. Get to know your collectors!

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

Oxford and Silvertone Records: 1911-1918 by Martin Bryan & William Bryant

Tim Brooks

Collectors who have been active for many years may wonder at the seemingly geometric increase in serious record and phonograph research which has occurred during the past decade. A few outstanding examples are the Frow "Directory" of Edison machines, the Kinkle "Encyclopedia" of popular music and jazz, Koenigsberg's index of Edison cylinder records, the numerous ground-breaking studies in APM, Talking Machine Review, Record Research and several other magazines, and of course, in discography, the "Brian Rust explosion" of the last few years.

Compare what was available ten years ago with what is available now and you will see what I mean. Not to mention what will be available ten years hence. Already nearing completion are a thoroughly revised history of the early phonograph industry (Ray Wile), a comprehensive listing of all Victor recording sessions and record issues (Ted Fagan and Bill Moran), several volumes on important record labels of the 1920's (Bill Randle), and a number of consolidated guides to records and machine types (are you listening, Allen?).

Bill Bryant and Martin Bryan are two dedicated young men who will no doubt be in the vanguard of the coming wave of record research. Oxford-Silvertone is their first major collaboration and is a laudable addition to the body of organized knowledge about early record issues. This is the first attempt to list the records sold by the Sears, Roebuck Company under the Oxford and Silvertone labels during the teens. These records have long been a source of frustration to collectors, because they are frequently unidentified as to artist or company of origin. Sears never recorded on its own, but bought masters from other companies for issue under its own "house" labels.

Perhaps the most useful feature of the book is the artist listing. The authors have tracked down almost all of those anonymous baritones, tenors, and bands, and have also located the original issue number of each selection on Columbia. For example, if you should pick up a copy of "The Band Festival at Plum Center" on Silvertone 46800 (a

rather funny record, by the way), the book will point out that you are actually listening to Steve Porter, Ada Jones and Byron G. Harlan, and that the selection was originally issued on Columbia A2057.

There are complete artist and title indices to the main numerical listing. Additional features include illustrations of the three principal Oxford/Silvertone label types, and a brief history of Sears' record activities during the period covered.

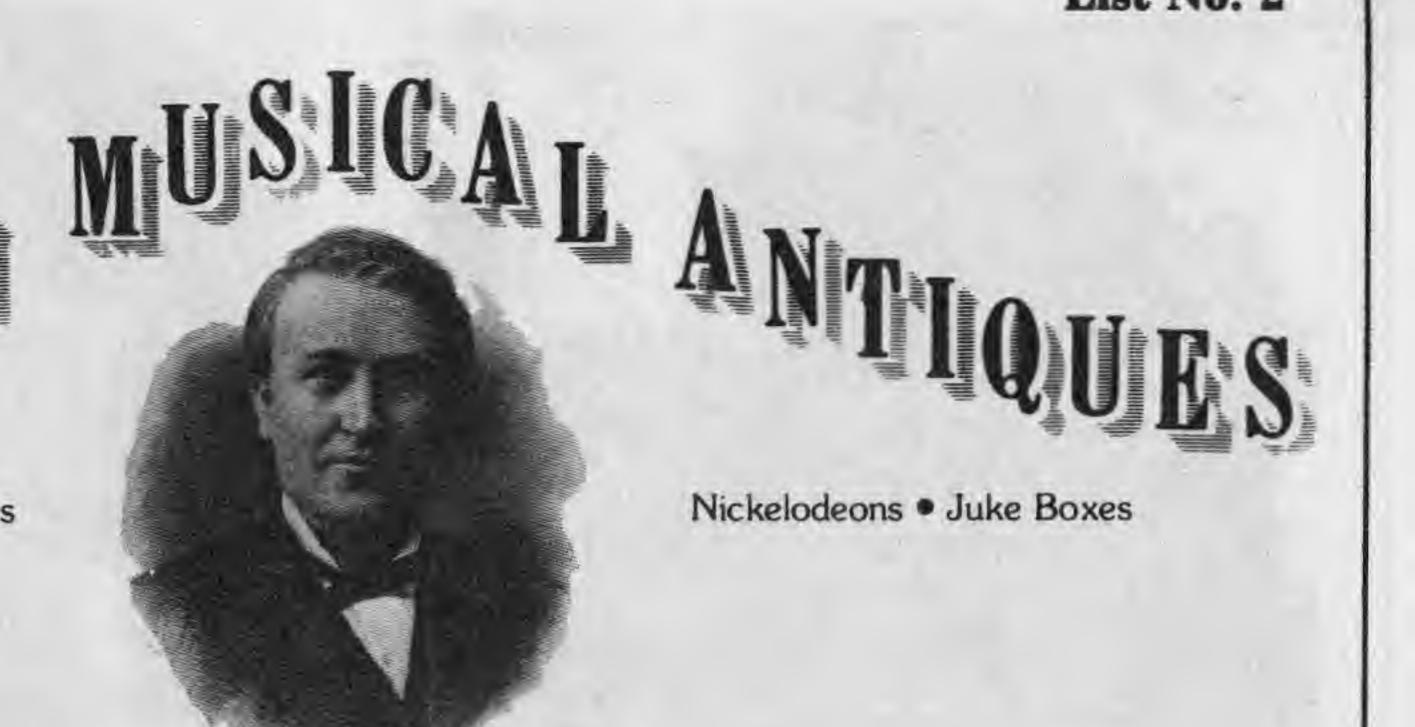
The chief limitation of the book is implicit in the title — it covers only one eight-year period out of Sears' long history of record issues, and only those issues obtained from one particular supplier (Columbia). As the authors state, Sears was selling other people's records long before this, including some obtained from Columbia itself as early as 1902. Nor are the Oxford and Silvertone names unique to this period. Perhaps most commonly found will be double-faced Silvertones issued after the period covered, in the 1920's. There were also Oxfords obtained from other suppliers prior to 1911, and Oxford cylinders as well.

There is of course nothing wrong with research into a specifically defined area, although my feeling is that the more limited the field covered, the greater the detail should be. Here, since the book is concerned with issue (as opposed to recording session) information, we might have expected some data on when the records were issued, either by Sears or by Columbia, or both; and perhaps more information on the songs themselves (composers, shows).

However, these cavils should not deter the collector who simply wants to know who that baritone is, and where the same recording can be found on Columbia. The book is thorough within its stated area, easy to read, convenient in size and very reasonably priced. It is, like almost everything else in early phonograph research (so far), the only book available on the subject. It is certainly recommended to anyone collecting any records from this period. It is available for \$2.75 ppd. from the New Amberola Phonograph Company, 133 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Vt. 05819.

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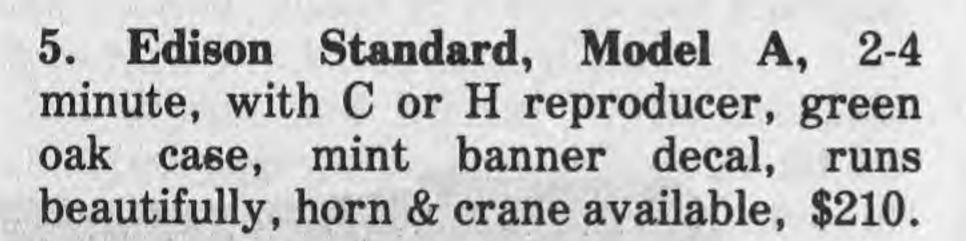
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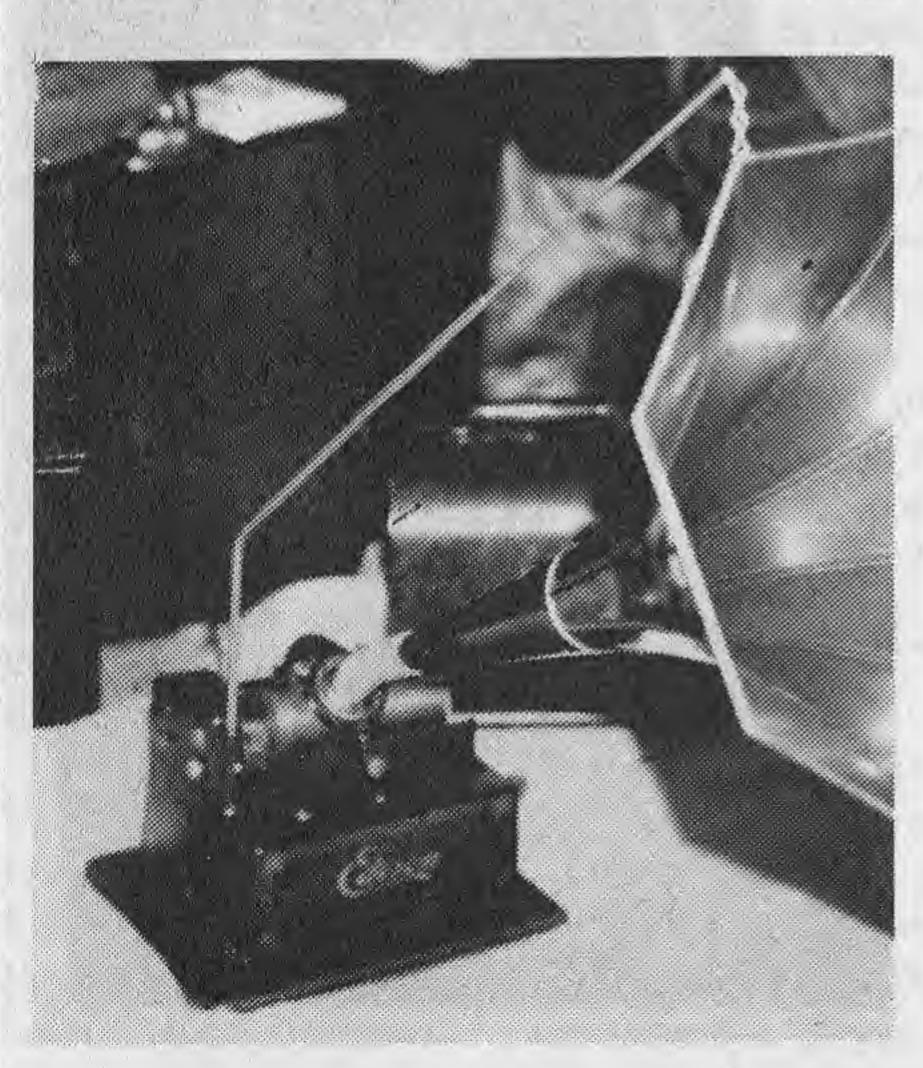


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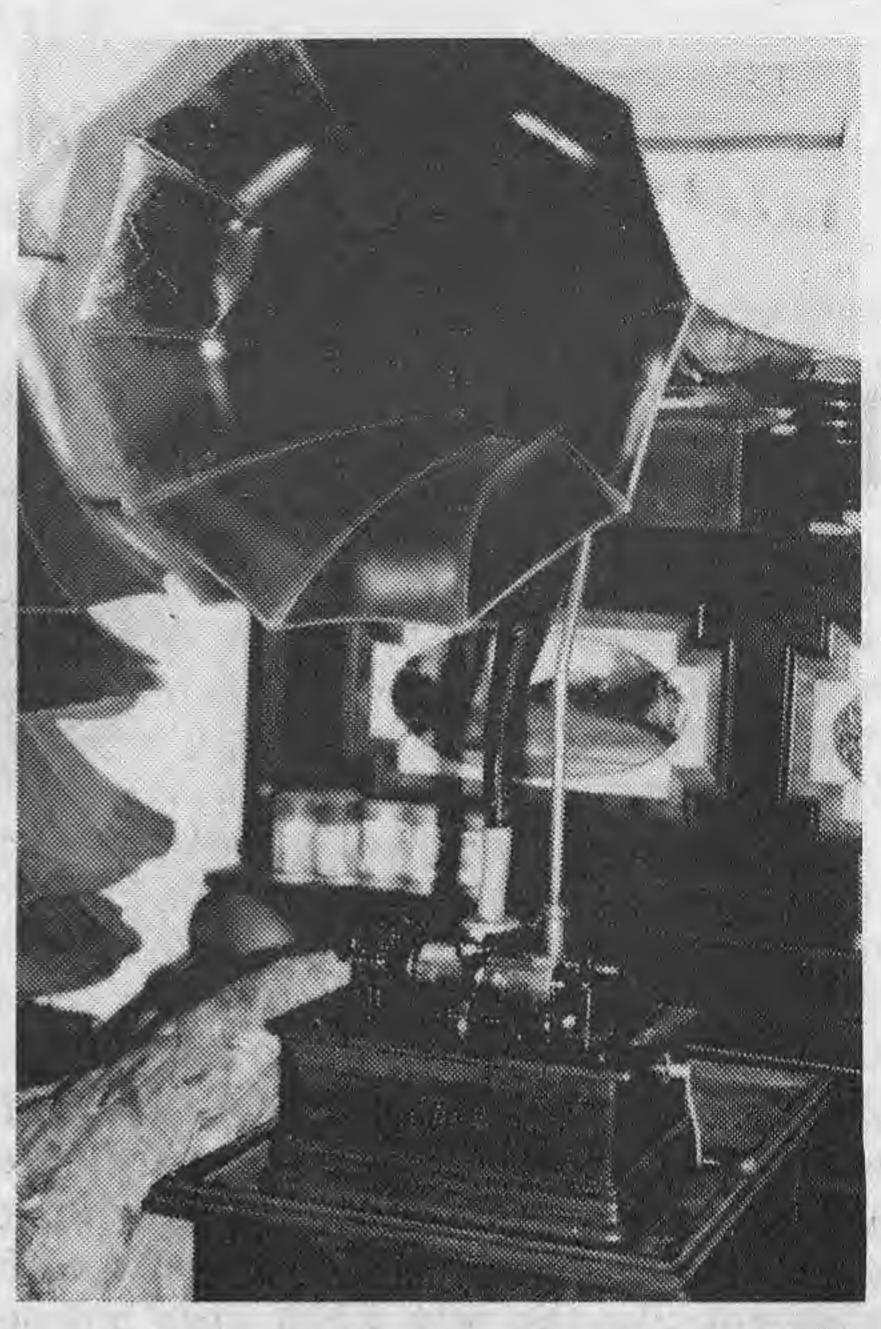


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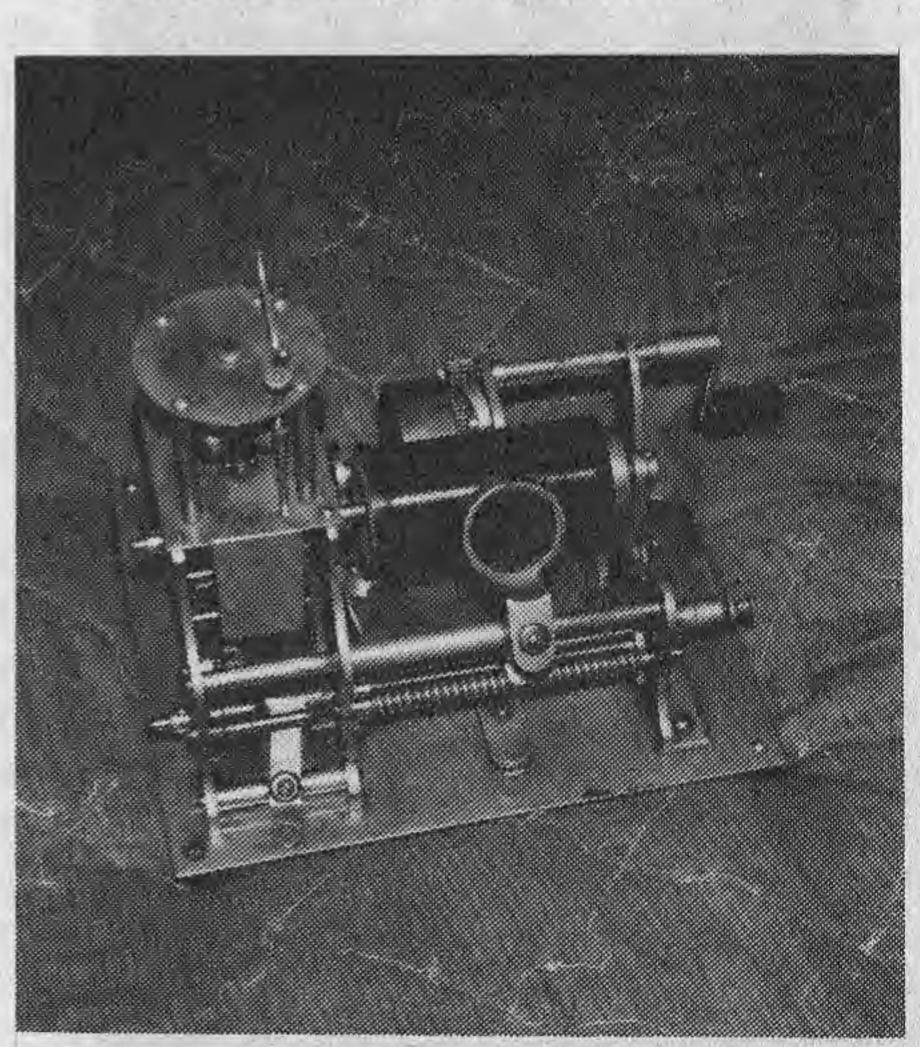


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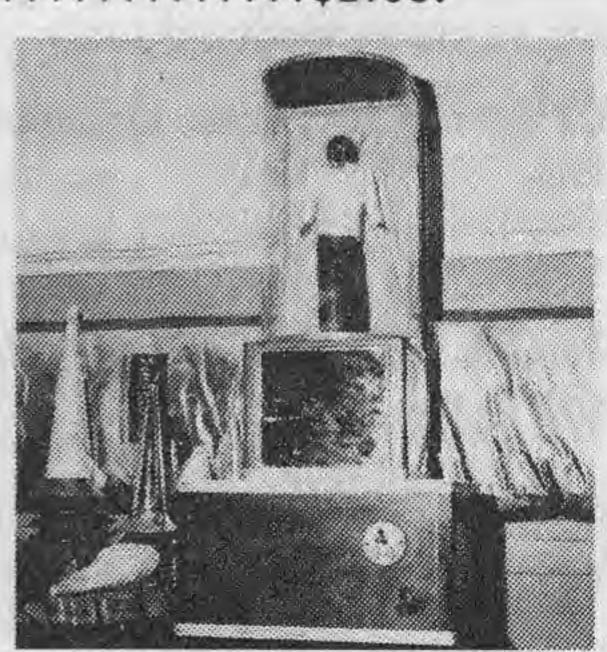


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The Edison National Historic Site is sponsoring another of its popular programs on October 15, 1976, at 8 pm. Held at the site of the original Edison plant at the corner of Main Street and Lakeside Avenue in West Orange, N.J., it is entitled "Americana in Edison Recordings." Speakers include Ada Jones authority Milford Fargo, and Diamond Disc expert Ray Wile. A number of original Edison recording stars will be in attendance. This will be a very special occasion for all collectors, and refreshments will be served.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Need information, catalogs, etc. on Bush and Lane Phonograph Co. of Chicago. Also material on Climax inside-horn phonograph (date maker, etc.). Thanks. David Grahek, 486 W. Chestnut, Breckenridge, Mich. 48615.

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For sale or trade: Pathe cylinder phonographs (all will play regular and 3" cylinders and come with two 3" cylinder records): Pathe O, \$300; Pathe 1, \$400; Pathe 2, \$400. Klingsor stringed-horn disc phono, \$700. Y. Rouchaleau, 326 SW 27th St., Gainesville, Fla. 32607. (6-76)

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Want Orthophonic turnover changer model. Art Faner, 555 Winter St. N.E., Salem, Ore. 97301. Or (503) 363-8193

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APM requires certain machines for its display collection and research. Please see Items For Trade. Thank you. Will purchase cylinder record collection, individual phonographs, or entire collection. Particularly interested in Opera, Idelia, Coin-slot, and other rare machines. Will pay well. Send particulars. Roger Faut, RD #3, Denver, Pa. 17517, or (215) 267-2064.

Edison Doll; Berliner; Zonophone; 5"; Water Power; coin-operated; Class M; Treadle; 5" GG top; Triton and Class M motors, etc. Phonographs and parts. All advertising items (signs, needle boxes, pictures, catalogs, etc.). Jerry Madsen, 8115 Emerson Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55420.

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Pre-1896 Edisons, Graphophones, other infrequently found ones, any condition. Leon Brassard, 2272 Aladin, Laval, Quebec, Canada (7-76)

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Maroon Gem, Opera, Concert

Maroon Gem, Opera, Concert phonographs; cygnet horns, Edison shaver, and all open horn phonos, regardless of condition. Also any cylinder reproducers. Stanley H. Ruth, 2842 Charlotte Ave., Easton, Pa. 18042. (9-76)

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wood horn for Edison Opera, bell section and goose-neck too. Also need works for Edison doll and record if possible. Old Sound, 306 Main St., Rt. 28, Harwichport, Mass. 02646. Or (617) 432-9012. (6-76)

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